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TRANSFER.

Private S. R. Waller from Scouts
Company to Hongkong Police Reserve
(Mounted Patrols), dated 27.3.16.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

The monthly statement is required at
the Orderly Room not later than 5 p.m.
to-morrow, 31st inst.

PARADES.

Parades for Friday, 31st inst.—
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sub-section
Army, Paddy, (as detailed in Corps Order
No. 4 dated 30.12.15)—10 p.m., gun drill
at Headquarters. Sergt. Bradley, R.G.A.,
will attend.

5.15 p.m.—Detachment drill at Head-
quarters, under (Sgt.) Major Mitchell.
5.15 p.m.—Recruits of Right Section
M.G. Co.—Squad drill and rifle exercises
at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Section Scouts Co.
(all members)—M.G. instruction at
Headquarters. Rifles and sidearms to
be carried.

5.30 p.m.—Engineer Co.—Squad drill
and musketry exercises on Kowloon
Tricks (Club Ground), under Sergt. Major
Highly.

DETAILS.

On duty to-night: L.I.K.V.R.
On duty to-morrow night: Civil Service
Company.

On duty 1st April: No. 1 Section Army
Paddy.

Orderly Officer from to-morrow morn-
ing to 7th April: Lieut. Kennett.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

NO. 2 COMPANY'S RIFLES.

All Martins in the possession of mem-
bers of No. 2 Company must be returned
to Armory for inspection on Monday,
April 3rd, between the hours of 5.15 p.m.
and 6.15 p.m.

INTER-COMPANY TEAM SHOOT.

Subject to Arrangement being pro-
nounced, a date will be fixed for an Inter-
Company Team Shoot for Eight Gold
badges presented by Mr. A. F. Atwell.
Teams of eight members from No. 1
Platoon, No. 2 Platoon, No. 2 Company
and No. 3 Company to be selected from
those units as they stand at this date.
(Grouping at 100 yards, deliberate at 300
and 500 yards. The same donor offers a
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COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJORS.

Company Sergeant-Majors are to be
appointed to each Company. They will
do no Patrol duty but will be entirely
responsible for the training of recruits
and backward men of their Companies,
and will assist their Section Commanders.
Crown Sergeant Alves is appointed
Company Sergeant-Major to No. 2 Com-
pany.

BAND.

All members of the Band are required
to meet the D.S.P. (B.) at the Magistracy
on Friday, March 31st, at 5.30 p.m.,
sharp.

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I—Authorized Capital £5,000,000

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II—Life & Annuity Funds £17,567,680

Sinking Fund—Accounts 128,220

£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,456

Life and Annuity 1,241,683

Revenue Marine Department 337,523

Other Receipts 476,940

£3,339,222

The Accumulative Funds of the various
Branches are separately invested, and, by
Act of Parliament, are not liable to meet
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ments of the Company's Business.

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INTIMATIONS

LUZON SUGAR REFINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., 31st March, 1916, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 18, 1916. 429

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of March, 1916, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing an Extraordinary Resolution; the result of which is as follows, namely:—

(1) That it is desirable to re-construct the Company and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Arthur Ryle, Esq., of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up and that Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association be cancelled accordingly.

(2) That Messrs. J. J. de la Cruz & Co., Ltd., the General Agents of this Company, be authorized and requested to procure the incorporation in the Philippines of a new Company to be called the Malabon Sugar Company (of which Messrs. Smith Bell & Co., Ltd., shall be appointed Liquidators) and to send their names to the Registrar of Companies in the Philippines in such form as the General Agents shall approve.

(3) That the draft Agreement submitted to this meeting marked "A" and expressed to be made between this Company and the Liquidator of the one part and the Malabon Sugar Company of the other part and the same is hereby approved and that the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to enter into an agreement with such new Company (when incorporated) upon the terms of the said draft Agreement and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as he thinks expedient.

(4) That the said Liquidator be authorized to obtain advances from Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., of any money requisite upon such terms as he sees fit and to make arrangements if he thinks fit for Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., to continue to manage the affairs of the Company on such terms as he thinks fit until the undertaking of the Company is handed over to the said Malabon Sugar Company pursuant to any Agreement entered into by virtue of Resolution No. 3.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 16th day of March, 1916.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.
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INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS,
& SHIPBUILDERS.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Institute on FRIDAY 31st MARCH, at 11.30 a.m.

By Order of the COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, March 28, 1916. 481

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY the 3rd April, 1916, at 12 Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th March to the 3rd April, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 21, 1916. 452

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY
LIMITED.

THE 27th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 1st day of April, 1916, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1915 and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 1st April, to MONDAY, 3rd April, 1916, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
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If you happen to be late your meals will be served at the Company's expense.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING of 85 Debentures (1898 issue) of the HONGKONG CLUB, PAYABLE on FRIDAY, the 31st March, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock a.m. on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1916.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,
M. DES VOEUX,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 10, 1916. 414

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against Mr. KARL DETMERS of Messrs. RADECKER & Co. or against the firm of Messrs. RADECKER & Co. are requested to file same with the Liquidators before the 8th April, 1916.

BRADLEY & CO., LTD.,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, March 24, 1916. 488

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

ENTRIES for above League close April 5th.

If sufficient entries there will be 1st & 2nd Divisions.

Secretaries are asked to state which division they enter for.

Dr. F. LINDSAY WOODS,
Alexandra Buildings.
Hon. Secy.
Hongkong, March 23, 1916. 473

DEEP WATER DAY COURSE.

A MIXED FOURSONES COMPETITION will be held on SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 2nd and 3rd April.

Competitors—13 holes, against 1 Bogey under handicap.

The Bogey score and table of holes at which strokes are to be taken will be fixed later.

Entrance fee \$2.50 per couple.

Competitors must arrange their own partners and opponents and are requested to send their names to the undersigned, or to post same on the boards at Happy Valley, Fan Ling or the Hongkong Club before the 5th April.

T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 22, 1916. 466

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Co. of Hongkong on MONDAY the 10th day of April, 1916 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon when the Subjected Resolution which was passed at an Extraordinary Meeting held at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th day of March, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) That after the word "Company" in the 16th line of Article 110 the following words shall be added:—

"The General Managers may also with the consent of the Consulting Committee pay such bonus or bonuses as the General Managers shall think fit."

(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 18th line of Article 110.

(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the first line of Article 115.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1916.

SEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
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THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 5th April to MONDAY, the 10th April, 1916, both days inclusive.

SEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 27, 1916. 477

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING of SIXTY FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club (1898 issue) will be held in the Club House on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1916, when the following Debentures were drawn for Redemption:—

23	371	936	1548	1620
67	421	948	1550	1648
94	530	983	1592	1674
111	580	992	1593	1677
114	592	997	1591	1676
125	608	1042	1564	1769
200	700	1046	1580	1820
240	703	1107	1576	1828
252	750	1125	1612	1840
291	786	1141	1656	1849
318	833	1214	1724	1933
342	908	1222	1654	1941
348	909	1235	1616	1963

and will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1916, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,
M. DES VOEUX,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 24, 1916. 489



The SKIPPER'S Favourite.

AMERICAN INTERPRETATION OF
NAVAL WAR LESSONS.

Interest in the new five-year programme is naturally concentrated in the type of vessel which it is proposed to build. Admiral Dewey states that "the conclusion to be drawn so far from the history of the current war is that the battleship is still the principal reliance of navies as it has been in the past, and consequently it is proposed to lay down two battleships in each of the next five years, which would bring up the number of battleships built or building in 1921 to fifty-two, excluding, of course, vessels which have then become obsolete. As the estimated cost of each of these ships is \$2,700,000, it is obvious that the programme is to be of immense power. The new ships, laid down and last year's programme, are to be (1) 32,000 tons, their length 600 or all being 624 ft., and their beam 95 ft. They are to be of 20 knots speed, and they carry twelve 11 in. 60-calibre guns, twenty-two 5 in. 54-calibre rapid-firing guns, and a number of smaller weapons, including four 3 in. anti-aircraft guns, and 7 in. anti-submarine torpedoes. The Secretary of the Navy says, however, that the proposals of the General Board, which are not divulged, involve a very different development abroad, may require modifications of their characteristics, the department feels it necessary to give this question most careful investigation and consideration."

In addition to the ten ships of the line there will be laid down six battle-cruisers of the type now being built by the American Navy. These vessels are estimated to cost each \$2 millions sterling. The proposal to add these ships to the fleet is a direct result of the current war, and particularly of the performance of the ships of the class in the battle off the Falkland Islands, where it was pointed out that "much strategic value is in that it enabled them to reach with great promptness their field of action."

The performance of this type of ship in the engagement in the North Sea, when the Blücher was sunk, has also impressed the Americans. The Secretary of the Navy points out that "when the battle-cruiser type was first brought out, it was argued that it could lie in the line with battleships and be used as a battleship upon occasion. The experience of the war, however, seems to indicate that their primary function will be in independent action, and that if a possible antagonist is possessed of any material number of vessels whose speed enables them certainly to elude the battleship, and which are so powerful that they need not apprehend torpedo craft; it is necessary to have the battle-cruiser. Admiral Dewey, also, points out, that the battle-cruiser, in scouting operations, can penetrate the protective screen of the enemy and guard its own battleships or other craft from surprise attack. Admiral Dewey, however, sounds a warning note without adding any support to the particular course of the present war does not justify the prevalent exaggerated idea of their importance"—but, nevertheless, he and his Board have recommended the building of six of them, two of which are to be laid down in the coming year. In addition, there are to be two scouts, each costing \$1,900,000. These, along with the battle-cruisers, are to obviate surprise attacks on the coast of the United States by seeking and maintaining contact with the enemy, and in this connection, Admiral Dewey comments the tendency of the country to place too much reliance on localised defences, such as fortifications, mines, and submarines. As regards destroyers, the new programme provides for fifty, at an average cost of \$275,000 each.

The submarine question naturally interests everybody connected with naval development, and it must be accepted that the naval advisers of the United States have taken a sane view. Admiral Dewey states that the "decade of the submarine has been a period of rapid development, and it has been at the expense of the main fleet, undue weight has been attached to them. Their importance is less than the public believes. In the North Sea and in the Mediterranean they scored heavily on their first appearance, owing to surprise, and to the inferior combatant nature of the Allies at present. The Allies have learnt in great measure how to protect their commerce, as they learnt a few months previously to protect their navies from the submarine menace, it is apparent, that the submarine is not an instrument fitted to dominate naval warfare. The submarine is a most useful auxiliary, whose importance will doubtless increase, but at present there is no evidence that it will become supreme."

Admiral Dewey's General Board recommended that the five-year programme should include the building of six submarines, each costing \$200,000, and 25 coast submarines, each costing \$150,000.

NEW RACING PROGRAMME.

The Secretary of the Navy, however, while accepting the proposals regarding the larger fighting ships, has recommended fifteen fleet submarines and eighty-five coast submarines, although at the same time he makes the remark that a few months ago "a large majority of the people would doubtless have voted to go into the building of submarines on a scale so large, as to leave little money for other fighting craft."

LIMITED CONCESSION BY
THE GOVERNMENT.

A new programme of racing has been announced by the Stewards of the Jockey Club in place of the previous list of fixtures for 1916, which has been cancelled, with the exception of Newmarket. As is explained in a recent issue of the Racing Calendar, this decision is the result of a limited concession by the Government.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club, acting on the wish expressed by the Club at its meeting on January 29, approached his Majesty's Government with a view to ascertaining whether they would favourably consider the granting of additional facilities for racing under Jockey Club Rules during the coming season.

They have now received a reply to their inquiries from the President of the Board of Trade intimating that he had consulted the War Office and the railway companies, and that neither body saw objection to the holding of a limited number of meetings at Gatwick, Lingfield, Newbury, and Windsor, the original fixtures for 1916, which had been cancelled, and which had been replaced by the new programme of racing.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club give notice that, with a view to regulating a sequence of two fixtures at the places above mentioned, they have cancelled, with the exception of Newmarket fixtures, all fixtures previously granted for 1916, and any races closed for such cancelled fixtures are void. They take these steps having in mind the fact that the prolonged suspension of racing elsewhere than at Newmarket has compelled many owners to sell or turn out of training horses engaged at these meetings, which the general body of owners had every reason to expect would be abandoned.

The following fresh fixtures have been granted for Newbury, Gatwick, Lingfield, and Windsor, the original fixtures for 1916 at the meetings being cancelled, and races closed for such cancelled fixtures are void.

The Stewards wish it to be clearly understood that should it be found that the holding of any meeting would interfere with the working of the railways they will at once order the abandonment of any such meeting:—

March 24 and 25.—Gatwick.
April 7 and 8.—Lingfield.
April 28 and 29.—Newbury.
May 12 and 13.—Windsor.
May 26 and 27.—Gatwick.
June 9 and 10.—Windsor.
June 16 and 17.—Lingfield.
June 30 and July 1.—Newbury.
July 14 and 15.—Gatwick.
July 28 and 29.—Windsor.
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It is intended to hold three extra meetings at Newmarket, viz., two in June and one in September.

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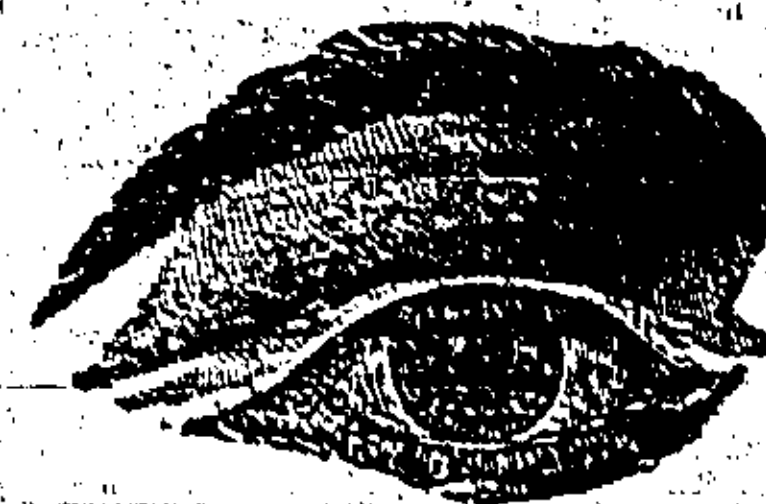
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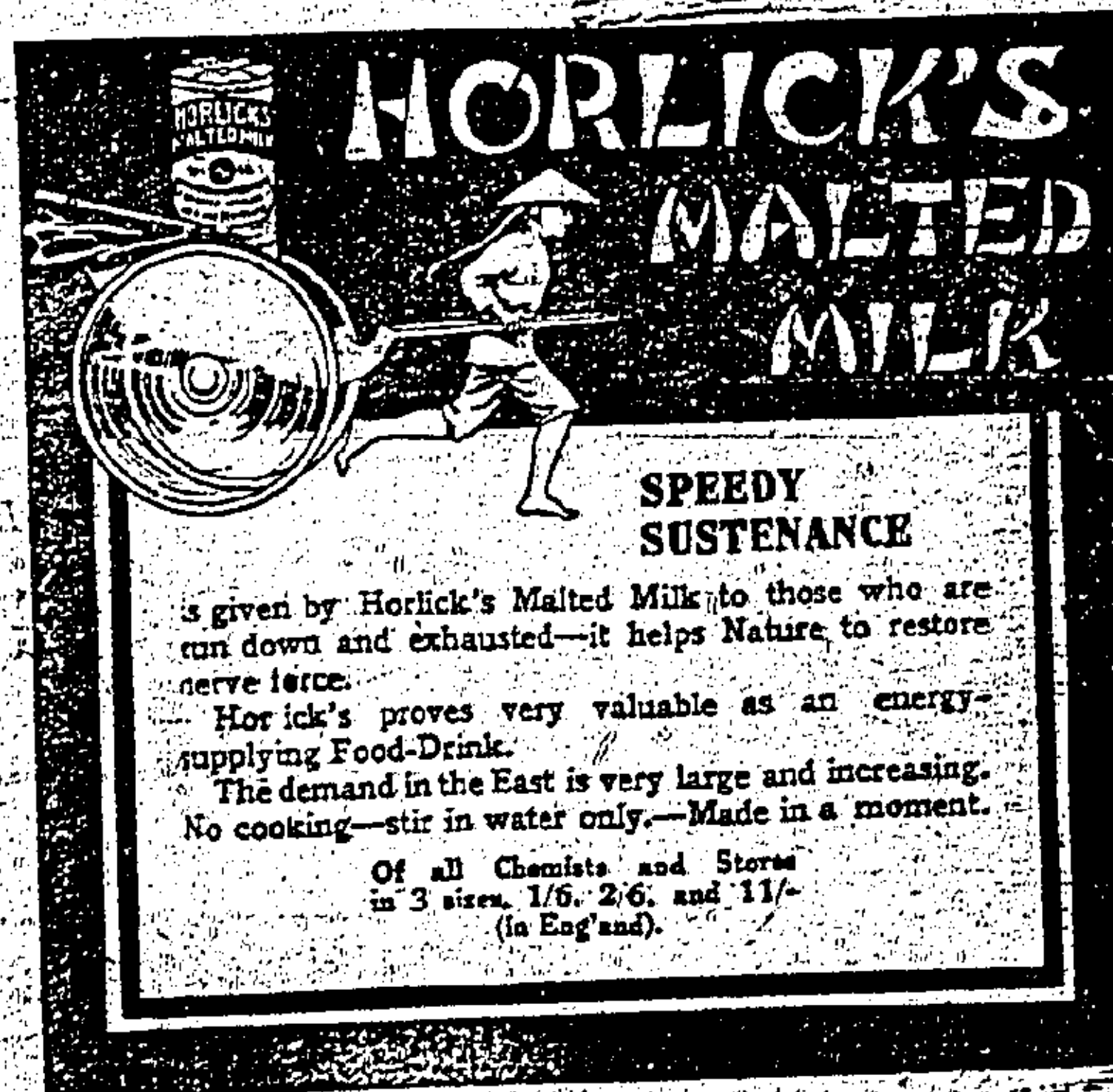
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1st.—Round to be played by 18th April.

2nd.—Round to be played by 30th April.

3rd.—Round to be played by 14th May.

4th.—Round to be played by 21st May.

5th.—Round to be played by 28th May.

Semi-final.—To be played by 4th June.

Final.—To be played by 11th June.

The above dates must be strictly adhered to.

Unplayed matches will be scratched.

"DEEP WATER BAY MIXED
FOURSUMES.

The Mixed Foursumes Competition on
the 8th and 9th April at Deep Water Bay
will be one of 18 holes instead of 27, as
advertised.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN.

POSITION OF CLUB SATISFACTORY.

Mr. D. S. Cooper, president of the
annual meeting of the Kowloon Bowling
Club, last evening. There was a large
attendance of members.

The membership, according to the
report at 31st December, 1915, stood
at 97, an increase of eight from the
previous year. Owing to military duties
being carried out by members during the
past year, the Committee did not think
it advisable to carry out the usual pro-
gramme of competitions. Various spoon
games organised by the members were
played and enjoyed by all who took part
in same. At the beginning of last year
the Committee had a general survey of
the Club-house and found that repairs
were very necessary. The work was
taken in hand and now the Club-house
is in first-class order. A Golf Section
in connection with the U.S.B.C. was
started last year and has been very popu-
lar with the golfing members. This
branch is self-supporting and limited to
20 members. The usual supply of pla-
tials, etc., has been kept up to date and
has been most interesting. The back
numbers were handed over to the Ben-
n's Institute. The Tennis Courts were
kept up to the usual high standard, and
wintering was fitted all round the two
courts much to the satisfaction of the
playing members. The Committee deeply
regret having to record the death of Capt.
Cruckshank, who was killed in action,
somewhere in France.

The Chairman and a study of the report
and accounts would prove that the Club
was in a satisfactory position. Eighteen
new members had been accepted during

the year, and ten had resigned, including
Messrs. Shires, Whitley and Butler. A
sum of \$1,075 had been spent on the
Club house but the expenditure was neces-
sary. They were grateful to Messrs.
Frost and Goss for auditing the accounts.
The reports and statement of accounts
were approved.

The Officers were elected as follows:—
President, Mr. P. J. Taylor, Vice-
President, Mr. W. Davidson; Hon.
Secretary, Mr. H. F. Stoneham; Hon.
Treasurer, Mr. D. S. Cooper; Committee,
Messrs. D. K. Haxton, K. Hall, W.
Russell, D. Goss, A. Kinross, D. Nielson,
F. Ramsay, and G. H. May; Hon.
Auditors, Messrs. W. Fraser and P.
Mathieson.

The meeting decided to present Mr. J.
M. Henderson, one of the founders of
the Club, with a memento in recognition
of his services. Mr. Henderson is shortly
leaving for Home, owing to illness.

Inspector Gossop, on behalf of himself
and Inspector Gerard, expressed thanks
to the Club for electing them hon. mem-
bers. It was an honour and privilege
which they much esteemed, he said.

The Chairman said it gave the mem-
bers great pleasure to see Inspectors
Gossop and Gerard with them. They
were both good sportsmen and keen
bowlers.

**HONGKONG C.C. TENNIS
TOURNAMENT.**

Matches played yesterday resulted as
follows:—
HANDICAP SINGLES "A."
Captain Milner-Jones (rec. 15-1) beat
A. A. Claxton (rec. 8-0) 6-4, 6-3.

S. E. Gossop (rec. 30) beat F. A. A.
Redmond (scrach) 6-2, 6-2.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.
Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet (ows 15-1) beat
Mrs. Laws and Lieut. O. R. Hamilton,
6-2, 6-2.

Mrs. P. D. Wilson and H. T. Jackson
(rec. 15-3) beat Mrs. Forsyth and L. N.
Murphy (ows 1-0), 7-5, 6-4.

KOWLOON TOURNAMENT.
A stat has been made in connection with
the Kowloon C. C. Tennis Tournament
as under:—

SCRATCH PAIRS.
J. V. Briggs and B. D. Evans beat F.
Sutton and E. B. Reed 6-2, 6-1.

CANT OF "LIBERTY."
I do not know how it is or why it is that
the very name of "liberty" seems to tempt
people to talk what may almost be described
as cant, and it seems to me that those who
talk the loudest about liberty are almost
always the most subject slaves to the phrases
and words they employ. What is there
abhorrent to the Englishman or to English
history or tradition in the principle of
compulsion? The Englishman is wrapped
in the House and in the State to the
game-compulsory education, compulsory
education, compulsory insurance, compul-
sory sobriety—I do not know that there
is scarcely anything left for him of
his own free will. However, that may
be, we have had a poster lately, the
compulsion since the war, and the
of the Realm Act which has been
brought before your Lordships' House and
every Order in Council that has been
framed under the Defence of the Realm
Acts has been a compulsory measure, and
they have been willingly acquiesced in by
this House and the country at large. Is
the State to be at liberty to deprive its
citizens of almost every form of liberty
except that of performing the elementary
duties of citizenship? And while we listen
to this talk about individual liberty being
preserved, we may one day wake and find
that national liberty has perished and that
instead of being free men we are the slaves
of a foreign Power. (Lord Curzon.)

THE SOCK-KNITTING PEER.
One of our peers—knit-socks, says it is
Lord Alington, has taken to knitting as
an alternative to smoking. There are high
precedents for the sock-knitting peer. The
Prince of Wales and his brother learned to
knit as children, and I have often seen
articles knitted by them in the show
of the Royal gifts to Queen Mary. Another
knitting peer, the Prince of Wales, was
the knitter of the late Duke of Edinburgh.
At the Princess, now the Grand Duchess
Hesse, only son of our English Princess
Alice, but now fighting in the ranks of the
enemy. He continued his knitting even
after his marriage with his cousin,
daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh.
At the Princess, now the Grand Duchess
Oly of Russia, is devoted to golf and
other outdoor sports, it is easy to believe
that her spouse's taste for knitting, and
similar leisure occupations had something
to do with the young couple's divorce.
Sketches by T. G. G.

THE WEALTHY BUTLER.
The wealth of college servants is always
a favourite topic with undergraduates.
The stories told on the subject are mostly
fables, but the fact which is recorded
to-day that the butler of a Cambridge
college—neither the largest nor the wealth-
iest—has left nearly £17,000 shows that
they have some solid foundation.

Those who knew Oxford twenty-five
years or so ago, will remember an un-
sightly house which stood grim and gaunt
by the side of the new Examination
Schools, and seemed to mock their splen-
dours, and in fact prevented their com-
pletion. This belonged to a college ser-
vant who was rich enough to refuse the
offer which the University made him.
The Cambridge butler who is mentioned
to-day has condensed his offences into a
legacy by a gift to the host club of his
college, which will earn him the gratitude
of the studious youth of Cambridge for
many years to come. (Daily Chronicle.)

A LIFE SAVER.
It is safe to say that Chamberlain's Colic,
Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has
saved the lives

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

DESPERATE FIGHTING
ON ITALIAN FRONT.

AN ITALIAN SUCCESS.

Rome, Mar. 29. Desperate fighting at Gorizia is announced in a communiqué.

It lasted forty hours, and was of the fiercest description in the heights north-west of the fortress.

The Austrians made intense artillery preparation against Gorizia, which had been already damaged by storms, and then launched a violent attack by great forces. The Italians, however, resisted on both wings, and after a hand-to-hand fight in the centre the Italians retired 400 yards losing 30 prisoners.

The Italians counter-attacked and advanced, taking 100 prisoners and much war material.

AN ATTEMPTED ZEPPELIN RAID.

A BELATED ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, Mar. 29. The first mention of an attempted but frustrated Zeppelin raid on the East Coast on March 19th was made in the House of Commons today when Mr. Tennant Goldney asked if our aeroplanes drove off from the East Coast six Zeppelins on March 19th.

Mr. Tennant replied that reports were made on March 19th that Zeppelins were off the coast. Certain appropriate action was taken and aeroplanes went up. That was all that it was desirable to say.

Mr. Tennant stated that while the question of material was still difficult, the hope of being able to deal with Zeppelins was higher than ever before.

THE ALLIED CONFERENCE.

London, Mar. 29. Reuter's Agency learns on the best authority that the expression of the British members of the Allied Conference is that the material results will be far-reaching and important, especially as regards the co-ordination of plans for common action. Nothing was more significant than the earnest desire of all the delegates to subordinate purely national interests to achieving decisive victory.

KING RECEIVES INDIAN CAVALRY OFFICERS.

London, Mar. 29. H.M. the King has received in audience at Buckingham Palace ten Indian cavalry officers who are on leave.

DEATH OF A FRENCH GENERAL.

Paris, Mar. 29. General Langle has died of wounds received at Verdun.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

London, Mar. 29. The Budget will be introduced on April 4th.

OBITUARY.

London, Mar. 29. The death is announced of the master of Balliol (Dr. J. L. Strachan Davidson).

The death is also announced of Mr. W. Delany, Nationalist M.P. for Ossory.

THE SUBMARINE WAR.

London, Mar. 29. The British steamer *Empress of Midland* has been sunk. The crew were landed at Maasluis.

London, Mar. 29. The British steamer *Eagle Point* and the Danish steamer *Harriet* have been sunk.

THREE TRAINS IN COLLISION IN AMERICA.

London, Mar. 29. A telegram from Cleveland, Ohio, reports that three trains have been in collision in a fog.

So far the casualties have been ascertained to be 17 killed and 25 injured.

A GREAT BLIZZARD.
WORST IN FORTY YEARS.

London, Mar. 29. The combination of snow and wind is unprecedented.

It will be days before the full effects of the blizzard are known, owing to the interruption of communications.

Roads are blocked, villages isolated, farm-work and collieries are suspended.

There are ten inches of snow in the streets of Birmingham. This is typical of conditions in the North. Trees blocking the rails stopped the trains.

In London and other cities the conditions are very bad.

The railways are a jangle of broken wires, and trucks and trains are moving very slowly guided by flag-waggers.

Trains with troops returning to the trenches were twenty-three hours coming from Aberdeen to London.

The hurricane is described as being as fierce as on the night of the Tay Bridge disaster, when it travelled at 150 miles an hour.

There has been no such telegraphic interruption for forty years.

Reports of many fatalities are coming in from various parts, and of sailing-ships and small craft being ashore on the coast.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ANOTHER STRONG ENEMY ATTACK NEAR VERDUN.

SUCCESSIVE WAVES OF INFANTRY REFUSED.

Paris, Mar. 29. The evening communiqué says:—Our fire directed on an enemy battery at Bois Mouton caused a violent explosion.

The bombardment of our positions from Avocourt to Bethincourt was violently resumed. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the enemy launched a strong attack on our Hancourt-Malancourt front. Successive waves of stormers were all repulsed with heavy losses by our curtain of fire and infantry fire.

Part of the blizzard there was a bombardment of our second line. Our artillery in Woivre carried out a concentration of fire on sensitive points of the enemy's front.

There was a fairly lively artillery struggle in the Vosges in the regions of Stosswehr, Muhlbach, and Hartmannsweilerkopf.

BRITISH RETAIN CAPTURED GROUND.

THE ACTION EXTENDING AT ST. ELOI.

London, Mar. 29. A British communiqué says:—Despite the heaviest hostile artillery fire on Monday night and at intervals today, our infantry successfully held the ground gained on Monday.

Our artillery was very effective in replying to the enemy's fire.

Our prisoners now amount to five officers and 195 others.

To-day there was artillery and trench mortar activity against our positions between Loos and Hallue, and in front of Aix Houlette. We retailed shelling the enemy's positions.

AMSTERDAM, March 29. A Berlin communiqué says:—The action with the British at St. Eloi is extending.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT ATTACK ON TURKISH BASE.

ENEMY INFANTRY IN PANIC.

SUEZ, March 29. A British air squadron dropped 40 bombs on the Turkish base at Bir-el-Hassanah, 100 miles from the Canal. The camp was burned, and the water-works severely damaged.

An airman attacked Turkish infantry from the rear and caused a panic amongst them. All the aeroplanes returned safely.

FOR SERVICES IN EAST AFRICA.

London, Mar. 29. Major-General Tighe has been appointed a Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in recognition of his distinguished services while commanding the Forces in East Africa.

GALLANTRY AT SOLLUM.

London, Mar. 29. The Duke of Westminster has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Great Britain of the Worcestershire Regiment, the Military Cross for gallantry at Sollum.

REPEATED RUSSIAN ATTACKS
NEAR VIENNA.

GERMAN OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

AMSTERDAM, March 29.

A Berlin communiqué says:—Heavy Russian reinforcements are attacking Rostov, to the north-east of Vienna, where the railway is vitally important. The communiqué speaks of the heroic resistance here of the Hausruck Corps. These, supported by the Brandenburg, Hannoverian, and Halle Corps, met repeated onslaughts by two Russian Divisions. The Russians in the darkness also repeatedly attacked Mokryta.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS IN GALICIA.

FIGHTING AT NAROTCH UNDIMINISHED.

RUSSIANS NEARING TREBIZOND.

TURKS EXPELLED FROM STRONG POSITIONS.

PETROGRAD, March 29. A communiqué says:—The weather is becoming worse along the whole front, but the intensity of the fighting is undiminished. The Germans are desperately resisting, especially in the vicinity of Rostov and Lake Narotch.

The Russians in Galicia simultaneously exploded thirteen mines. The infantry rushed two lines of trenches, bombing and bayonetting the survivors, and capturing several guns and much material.

RUSSIANS NEARING TREBIZOND.

TURKS EXPELLED FROM STRONG POSITIONS.

PETROGRAD, March 29. A communiqué says:—After artillery preparation from the warships our troops broke the desperate resistance of the enemy, expelled him from his positions along the Baltachi River, and occupied a town 30 miles east of Trebizond. At dusk the Turks made counter-attacks along the whole coast sector, which were successfully repulsed.

We stormed Rizin, south-east of Bida, and the enemy fled southward.

THE RECENT NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

LIGHT CRUISER RAMS GERMAN DESTROYER.

London, Mar. 29. The Admiralty announces that all vessels employed in the operations on the German coast have returned, except the destroyer *Medusa*, which sank. Her crew were saved.

Our light cruisers on Saturday night encountered a division of German destroyers. One was rammed and sunk by the *Cleopatra*, and none of her crew was saved.

The *Medusa's* crew were taken off in very bad weather by the destroyer *Lacon* without casualties. This was a fine piece of seamanship.

Our destroyers, while dealing with enemy patrol boats, were attacked by aircraft, but were not damaged.

The following prisoners were rescued from enemy patrol trawlers previously reported sunk:—Four from the *Otto Knedel*, and 16 from the *Brutus*.

THE ALLIED CONFERENCES.

PARIS, Mar. 29. The Conference of the Allies unanimously adopted resolutions affirming the complete military, economic, and diplomatic solidarity of the Allies and their unshakable determination to continue the struggle to victory. It was also decided to establish a permanent Committee in Paris to consider economic means to prevent the supplying of the enemy; and also to organise a Central Bureau of freights in order to equitably distribute the maritime burdens of the Allies and to prevent these (?) feignings.

BRITISH TRADE IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES.

INTERESTS IN CHINA TO BE CAREFULLY RECOGNISED.

London, Mar. 29. In the House of Commons Mr. Runciman, the President of the Board of Trade, said the question of preserving and extending British trade in neutral countries would be considered by the Committee which would inquire into the problem of certain important branches of British industry after the war.

Mr. Perry Ainscough, who had visited China on behalf of the Board of Trade, had been in close touch with important British firms trading in the Far East, and he would be glad to receive any further information they cared to supply. British trade interests in China would certainly be carefully recognised at the Allied Economic Conference, at which it was more than likely that Japan would be represented.

LIQUIDATION OF ENEMY FIRMS.

SINGAPORE'S EXAMPLE TO BE FOLLOWED.

London, Mar. 29. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that he was communicating with the Governors of the Colonies with a view to the general adoption of the policy of liquidation of enemy firms and the selling of their assets, as had been done in Singapore.

THE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Mar. 29. In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law said that the economic conference at Paris could not be held for a long time. Mr. Asquith had asked him to attend with Mr. Runciman and he hoped to be able to do so.

AMERICA'S POINTED QUESTIONS TO GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. Mr. Lansing has announced that the Ambassador to Berlin has been instructed to ask the German Government whether a German submarine torpedoed the *Sussex*.

Mr. Gerard has also been instructed to ask whether a German submarine sank the *Engelmann*.

ENEMY GOODS IN INDIA.

LONDON, Mar. 29. In the House of Commons, in reply to Sir J. D. Rees, Mr. Asquith Chamberlain said he was unaware of any representations made by the Raj to the Government of Madras regarding the admission into India of goods which were 25 per cent of enemy origin.

DUTCH EDITOR ACQUITTED.

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 29. The Editor of the *Belgisch*, who was arrested on a charge of endangering neutrality by a statement in his newspaper to the effect that "it is a group of conscienceless scoundrels in Central Europe who made this war," has been acquitted.

BLIZZARD IN BRITAIN.

London, Mar. 29. A blizzard has swept the United Kingdom and has caused much damage.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tze Yut Po's Service.)

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

PEKING, March 29. Lai Yuen Hung, the Vice-President, is to be appointed Generalissimo of the Forces in Szechuen, Kwangtung, Hunan and Hupeh.

Lung Chai Kwong, the Canton General, has joined with others in advising the Independent Generals to stop fighting. Their safety will be guaranteed.

The Censorate will join with other officials in impeaching the supporters of Chau On Wai, (the organisation which engineered the Monarchical movement.)

PRESIDENT'S SON TO GO TO GERMANY.

PEKING, March 29. Yuan Hark Ting, the eldest son of Yuan Shi Kai, is going to Germany for medical treatment.

RESIGNATION OF A MINISTER.

PEKING, March 30. Cheu Tzu Chi, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, has tendered his resignation.

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FRENCH OFFENSIVE NEAR VERDUN.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES AND FRENCH SUCCESS.

PARIS, Mar. 29. A French offensive move in the region of Verdun is the feature of to-day's communiqué. It says:—

The Germans have made no further attempts at infantry attacks west of the Meuse, but the bombardment was intense on our front Bethincourt-Deadman Hill-Cumieres.

Then after a violent artillery preparation we vigorously attacked at Avocourt Wood.

We captured the south-eastern portion to a depth of more than 300 metres; and also an important road which the Germans had strongly fortified.

The Germans violently counter-attacked with a brigade of fresh troops but were completely repulsed.

The Germans lost heavily and left numbers of prisoners in our hands.

French bombers northward of Avocourt progressed during the adjoining attack, especially occupying the German cross trenches.

Meanwhile the French batteries in Argonne bombarded German works and there was intense mutual artillery activity east of the Meuse and in Woivre.

ITALY REQUISITIONS GERMAN VESSELS.

London, Mar. 29. Lord Robert Cecil, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons that Italy had requisitioned the German vessels in Italian ports.

RECRUITING AT HOME.

WOMEN DOING MEN'S WORK.

London, Mar. 29. In the House of Commons Mr. Walter Long made a statement on recruiting. He said the Government was able to adopt nearly all Lord Derby's suggestions. The Cabinet Committee had been meeting continuously, revising and reducing the lists of "reserved occupations" and "exemptions" and so had secured more men. (Cheers.) In some cases all the bachelors had been released. He announced that women were replacing many men in munitions, banking, farming and commercial work. Over a quarter of a million have been found for the last mentioned employment.

LARGE NUMBER OF EXTRA MEN FOR ARMY.

The Government was also investigating the case of men going to the coal mines to escape military service. The result of all these changes was that the army would get a very large number of extra men. It was also proposed to bring the registration up to date.

MARRIED MEN NOT UNFAIRLY TREATED.

He vigorously denied that attested married men were being unfairly treated. They must have known they would be called on service.

BOYS OF EIGHTEEN CALLED UP.

It had been decided to call up the first group of boys of eighteen, so as to augment the Home forces. They would not be sent abroad until they were nineteen.

Steps would be taken to alleviate hardships arising from enlistment including contracts and leases. He concluded by saying that the Government was doing its utmost to bring the war to a final and successful conclusion and had striven to do its duty to our heroes at the front—(Lord Chelmsford).

SIR EDWARD CARSON ADVOCATES COMPULSION.

Sir Edward Carson, in opening the debate, said he believed Lord Derby's scheme was a mistake. He advocated compulsion of every man in the country.

EUROPEANS IN INDIA.

THE COMPULSORY TRAINING QUESTION.

London, Mar. 29. Mr. Chamberlain, answering a question in the House of Commons, said he had not received any letter or memorial regarding the compulsory military training of Europeans in India. He understood that the Raj had been addressed on the subject, but he had not been informed what action they proposed to take. He would inquire again.

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	AWA MARU, Capt. Iizawa	Tons 15,500	TUESDAY, 12th April, at Noon.
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Colombo		Colombo	1916.	1916.
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MALTA	April 7	KHIVA	May 8	May 15
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NAMUR	May 5	KASHGAR	June 5	June 12
NANKIN	May 19	KARMA	June 19	June 26
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SIDELIGHTS FROM GERMANY.

GROWING INTEREST IN ORIENT.

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